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MCC strike

Thousands of employees of 10 City Corporations including Mysuru City Corporation boycott work demanding implementation of 7th Pay Commission

MCC staff and Pourakarmikas staging protest at the main entrance of MCC Office on Sayyaji Rao Road in city this morning.

Mysuru, July 8 (RK&DM)-Public services and sanitation work came to a grinding halt in Mysuru city this morning as staff and Pourakarmikas of the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) went on mass leave and joined a State-wide strike demanding fulfilment of long-pending demands.

The protest was in response to a call given by the Karnataka Rajya Mahanagara Palike Noukarara Sanghagala Parishat, urging a strike across all ten City Corporations in the State including BBMP (Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike), Mysuru, Shivamogga, Tumakuru, Hubballi-Dharwad, Mangaluru, Ballari, Kalaburagi, Belagavi and Davangere.

In Mysuru city, hundreds of MCC staff and Pourakarmikas from all nine Zonal Offices, who could not travel to Bengaluru to participate in the main protest at Freedom Park, staged a local demo in front of the MCC Main Office on Sayyaji Rao Road.

Key demands: The agitators raised slogans and pressed for immediate Government intervention, calling their demands 'just and long overdue.'

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SOM impact

Trashing KRS backwaters...

Police take action

Mysuru, July 8 (MTY&BCT)-Acting on a series of public complaints and in response to a report titled 'KRS Backwaters Trashed' published in *Star of Mysore* on July 7, the Yelwal Police conducted a raid at Meenakshipura and surrounding areas along the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam backwaters last evening. Five individuals were booked for consuming liquor in public and creating a public nuisance.

Personnel from the Yelwal Police Station check vehicles and round-up nuisance-mongers at Meenakshipura last evening.

The accused hail from Paduvarahalli (Vinayakanagar) and Gandhinagar in Mysuru and from Nelamangala in Bengaluru. All were arrested, brought to Yelwal Police Station and later released on Station Bail after their statements were recorded. Police stated that further penalties will be decided by Court. The raid, conducted with assistance of local Panchayat Members, revealed an individual distributing liquor, beer bottles and plastic cups to others at site.

(See ACTION on page 7)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 8th July 2025

Moonlight music concert at Suttur Mutt in city

Prabhuswamy *Vid. Vighnaraja* *Vid. Janardhan* *Vid. Manjunath* *Vid. Anirudh*

Mysuru, July 8 (VNS) -The 281st edition of moonlight music concert will be held at Suttur Mutt branch located at the foot of Chamundi Hill in city on July 10 at 6 pm.

The vocal concert by Vid. Sampagodu S. Vighnaraja will be preceded by a special lecture by Prabhuswamy C. Malimutt, an A grade Akashvani artiste, who joined AIR Dharwad during 1991. After having served for more than 34 years in Mysuru, he retired recently as Senior Announcer.

Vid. Sampagodu S. Vighnaraja is an expert in vocal music, violin and Sumukhaveena. He has been training youngsters through his Surya Music Global Academy. He has received many accolades including Aryabhatta award, BCKA Yuvashresta award, Gaanaprathibhamani, Ganagandharva, Naadachoodamani and Sangeetha Samrat titles among others. He has also been accorded with 'Asthana Vidwan Award' by Sringeri Sharada Peeta and Hariharapura Sharada Lakshminarasimha Peeta.

Vid. Vighnaraja will be accompanied on violin by Vid. S. Janardhan, on mridanga by Vid. Anirudh S. Bhat and on ghata by Vid. M.R. Manjunath.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

THE COURAGEOUS SURRENDER: ***In the spiritual journey, there are broadly two paths: the path of analysis and the path of surrender. For most, logic, reason and structured thinking serve as the foundation for inner inquiry. But for a rare few, who are courageous surrender becomes the gateway to Realisation.***

Surrender is difficult because it demands dropping of the ego. That very ego wants benefits, security and guarantees. And yet, surrender means the complete dissolution of this ego. The capacity to bow down. To surrender is to accept someone as an authority without condition. This is where the ego resists most. It questions: "Is this person worthy of my surrender? In doing so, it holds entrance exams for potential teachers. Even if someone clears them, the ego still continues testing — daily.

Thus, the relationship of surrender never truly begins. Ego is built on personal likes and dislikes, and a rigid framework of what is "right" and "wrong."

These two, preferences and conditioning, are the pillars of ego. To let go of the ego, means to let go of both. But the paradox is: you cannot drop the ego on your own — because the very tool you are trying to use is the problem. That is why surrender becomes essential. It is not about finding the perfect person to surrender to. It is about cultivating the inner attitude of surrender — where you stop insisting that everything must align with your terms.

It's easy to garland a photo, to worship an image, to say "I surrender" to a silent idol. Because it doesn't challenge you. It doesn't speak back. Surrender becomes difficult when the object of surrender is alive and present, because a living person who may not always conform to your ideals.

The ego is always seeking validation through carrying a burden, in the name of duties and responsibilities. We often feel only when we carry burdens, our existence has meaning. Swami Rama Tirtha gives an analogy — a man sits in a train with his luggage on his head! Similar is our life too. Most offload one burden only to pick up another.

Surrender is not blind submission. It is a conscious act of trust — a trust that whatever happens is ultimately for the good. The attitude of surrender asks, "Can I let go of control?" — and that is the beginning of growth. To walk the path of surrender is not weakness. It is spiritual bravery of the highest kind.

— R. Eswaran in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Band gets over 1 million listeners in 2 weeks!

California: AI-generated Psych-rock band The Velvet Sundown didn't exist two weeks ago, but today they boast over half a million listeners on Spotify and are getting to put out their third album.

The Velvet Sundown is either the hardest-working and most inspired rock group ever, or they are simply playing by different rules. The psych-rock band appeared out of nowhere two weeks ago, but managed to put out to albums and has already announced that the third will be released on Spotify soon.

They already boast a respectable 500,000 monthly listeners on the popular music streaming platform and show no signs of slowing down. But the overnight success and record-breaking album release schedule drew attention to the band this week, with many accusing The Velvet Sundown of being an AI-generated gimmick.

Woman with 15,485 egg cups collection

Campo: A Spanish woman who has been collecting egg cups for over 50 years earned a Guinness World Record when her collection was tallied at 15,485 items.

María José Fuster recruited two witnesses to help her tally her collection at a community centre in her hometown of Campo, Spain.

Fuster's collection includes multiple patterns, colours, designs and even novelty cups bearing the images of characters including Superman, Betty Boop and Garfield.

Fuster maintains two blogs related to her hobby — one to catalog each piece, and one to list the names of the people who have donated egg cups to her collection.

Some of her most prized egg cups, about 1,143 of them, are currently on display at a local museum.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Andrology Insight:

A varicocele—a swelling of veins in the scrotum—can reduce sperm quality but is easily treatable with minor procedures.

By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T P - Consultant – Urology & Andrology
Manipal Hospital, Mysuru

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Online applications invited for Agniveer Air Force recruitment

Mysuru, July 8 (VNS) - Online applications have been invited from unmarried youths (girls and boys) for Agniveer Air Force recruitment conducted by Indian Air Force under 'Agnipath' Scheme.

Applicants, who are born between 2.7.2005 and 2.1.2009 can apply. They must have passed in PUC (Science stream) and also must have secured 50 percent marks in Mathematics, Physics and English. If candidates have studied any professional course, they must have passed with 50 percent marks in English, Physics and Mathematics.

Candidates who have completed three years diploma course with 50 percent marks are also eligible to apply. Online exam will be held on Sept.25

Male applicants must be a minimum of 152 cm in height with healthy weight range and chest should measure 77 cm and for female applicants minimum height is also 152 cm with healthy weight range. Application along with a fee of Rs. 550 can be submitted from July 11 to July 31.

Eligible candidates may apply online by logging on to *https://agnipathvayu.cdac.in.* For details, contact District Employment Exchange Office Assistant Director, Industrial Training Institute premises, N.R. Mohalla or contact over Ph: 0821-2489972, according to a press release.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **122.50 feet**	Today's level **2,281.20 feet**	Today's level **2,852.31 feet**
Last year's level **102.80 feet**	Last year's level **2,281.89 feet**	Last year's level **2,848.76 feet**
Yesterday's level **122.25 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,280.41 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,853.25 feet**
Today's Inflow **33,197 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **14,948 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **4,686 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **29,126 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **12,000 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **7,083 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *An elephant's trunk is a marvel of muscular engineering, with eight major muscles on either side and a staggering 40,000 muscles overall.*
- *The trunk is a boneless muscular hydrostat, which means that just like a human tongue, this organ is able to move despite lacking bones. From pushing down trees to lifting an astounding 3,000 kg of weight, the trunk enables the elephant to perform fantastic feats of strength!*
- *The elephant trunk is also this mammal's tool to reach high tree branches.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: Is there anything you can do better than anyone else?

Student: Yes, read my own handwriting!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 85.66
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 116.76
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 23.32
1 Euro	= Rs. 100.55

VOICE OF THE READER

Curb street racing, save innocent lives

Sir,

This refers to the news item ***'Death track: Late-night racing claims two lives'*** published in *Star of Mysore* dated July 6. The tragic accident, in which both a speeding biker and an innocent food delivery executive lost their lives, is yet another grim reminder of the dangers of reckless racing on our roads.

Street racing has emerged as a dangerous trend, putting innocent lives in jeopardy.

It is deeply disturbing to see youngsters treating public roads as racing tracks, showing neither fear of the law nor concern for fellow citizens.

This incident has shattered families and shaken the entire community. How many more lives must be lost before decisive action is taken against this recklessness?

I have been a resident of this locality for the past 26 years. Over the years, I have witnessed many changes — some positive and others deeply concerning. One of the most pressing issues today is the alarming rise in road accidents. Reckless driving, especially by two-wheelers and autorickshaws, has become rampant. Speeding through narrow residential lanes endangers pedestrians and creates a constant atmosphere of fear among residents.

Another serious concern is noise pollution. Loud horns, modified silencers and relentless honking — at all hours — disturb the peace of our neighbourhood. For the elderly, patients recovering at home, and school-going children, this disruption is a daily challenge.

Our senior citizens, who have spent decades in this area, now find it difficult to cross roads or enjoy peaceful evening walks. Many prefer to stay indoors, apprehensive about accidents and overwhelmed by constant noise.

It is high time authorities implement strict measures to regulate traffic in residential areas. Installing speed-breakers at key stretches, banning modified silencers, enforcing 'No Horn' zones and setting up proper pedestrian crossings would go a long way in restoring safety and peace. Public roads are meant for safe, responsible travel, not for deadly stunts that end in tragedy. We urge the authorities to crack down on this menace before it claims more innocent lives.

As someone who has lived here for over two decades and witnessed the evolution of this locality, I sincerely urge the civic authorities and the Traffic Police to take these concerns seriously and work towards making our area safe and liveable once again.

— Preeth Appaiah
Bannimantap
7.7.2025

Special Guru Purnima meditation on July 10

Mysuru, July 8- On the occasion of Guru Purnima, Yogoda Satsanga Dhyana Kendra, located at 7th Main Road, 5th Cross, Saraswathipuram, Mysuru, is organising a special meditation programme on July 10 (Thursday) at the Dhyana Kendra from 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm.

In conjunction with the programme, a book exhibition and sale at concessional rates will be arranged. Public may make use of this opportunity.

Yogoda Satsanga Society of

Sri Paramahansa Yogananda

India was founded in 1917 by Sri Paramahansa Yogananda, the author of the world-renowned spiritual classic *Autobiography of a Yogi,* who is also widely revered as the 'Father of Yoga in the West'. His teachings, which include the science of Kriya Yoga and the art of balanced spiritual living for the highest human development, are available to interested seekers.

For more information, contact Mob: 98803-97525 or 98807-18924, according to YSDK Mysuru Chairperson Dr. Sarada.

Another milestone by JSS
AHER in *Lancet* Publication

Dr. Deepa Bhat

Mysuru, July 8- JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER) has achieved another major milestone in public health and genetic research.

A pioneering study co-authored by Dr. Deepa Bhat, Professor of Anatomy and Certified Genetic Counsellor at JSS Medical College, has been published in *The Lancet Regional Health — Southeast Asia,* marking a national breakthrough in stigma research related to sickle cell disease (SCD). The study introduces ICMR-SCD Stigma Scale for India (ISSSI), the first scientifically validated tool from India to assess the multi-dimensional stigma faced by people living with SCD and their care-givers.

Developed under the leadership of Dr. Bontha V. Babu and funded by ICMR National Task Force Project under the Socio-Behavioural Research Division, the ISSSI is a culturally attuned and linguistically adaptable scale, tailored to the Indian context. The multi-centric study involved fieldwork across six tribal regions in collaboration with Central Tribal University, Vizianagaram; Bodoland University, Assam; Parul University, Vadodara; ICMR-RMRC, Bhubaneswar; JSS Medical College, Mysuru - Constituent College of JSS AHER.

The scale captures stigma across key domains — familial, illness burden, interpersonal relationships, healthcare interactions, social disclosure — and is now positioned as a vital tool for National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission (NSCAEM).

Dr. Deepa Bhat states that "This initiative represents a critical step in ensuring that the voices and lived experiences of individuals with SCD, especially from tribal regions, are integrated into health policy and intervention frameworks."

Dr. B. Suresh, Pro-Chancellor, JSS AHER, said "at JSS AHER, we remain steadfast in our commitment to research that serves society. This recognition in *The Lancet* reaffirms our vision of promoting inclusive and impactful science — especially for the underserved and marginalised."

The ISSSI tool is now available for use in clinical settings, community outreach and health systems research, enabling policymakers, clinicians and researchers to address stigma with precision and empathy.

Admission to D.Ed Special Education

Mysuru, July 8- The Government School for Deaf and Blind in Tilaknagar has extended the deadline for admission to 2-year D.Ed Special Education - VI (Visually Impaired) course at Helen Keller Government Teachers Training Centre for Hearing Impaired, to July 12.

General category students who have passed II PUC securing 50 percent marks and SC/ST/physically challenged students who have passed PU with 45 percent marks, may apply through the website *https://nber-rehabcouncil.gov.in*.

For more details, contact Ph: 0821 - 2491600 or Mob: 91135-61620 or 96867-62378.

NEWS BRIEFS

Lokayukta to hear public complaints

The Lokayukta Police will hear complaints from the public at the Mysuru Taluk Office in Nazarbad from 11 am to 1 pm on July 16. The members of the public can file complaints regarding seeking of bribes by Government servants, undue delay in rendering Government services, etc., according to a press release.

Recruitment of Postal Agents

The Nanjangud Division of Postal Department will hold a walk-in-interview for appointment of Postal Life Insurance/ Rural Postal Life Insurance Agents, at the Divisional Office at Nanjangud at 11 am on July 22, according to a press release from the Superintendent of Posts, Nanjangud Division.

Applications invited

City's Bogadi Town Panchayat has invited applications from eligible shelterless persons living in Bogadi Town Panchayat limits for allotment of houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) - 2.0 scheme, which was launched on Sept. 1 last year. The eligible shelterless/ siteless Bogadi Town Panchayat residents can apply through the Portal: ***https://pmay-urban.gov.in***, before July 15. For more details, contact Ph: 0821-2331099, according to a press release from the Panchayat Chief Officer.

Scholarship for specially abled

The office of the District Disabled Welfare Department has invited online applications from eligible specially abled students for availing student scholarship for the year 2025-26. Specially abled students studying in Educational Institutions of Mysuru district can apply through the State Scholarship Portal along with all required documents, within the stipulated deadline. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2490111.

Free ayurveda health camps

Cauvery Ayurvedic Medical College & Hospital in KBL Layout, Mysuru, has organised a free ayurveda health check-up camp for Cervical Spondylosis from July 8 to 14. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2970619 or Mob: 97317-99317, according to a press release from the Hospital Medical Superintendent.

JSS Ayurveda Hospital in Alanahalli will be conducting a medical camp on Varicose Veins and Varicose Ulcers at its premises from July 8 to 31. [Mob: 96635-91100 or 73377-20229]

Anikethana Road riddled with craters, turns into a death trap

Mysuru, July 8 (PM&KS)- You don't need a telescope to see craters — just take a ride along Anikethana Road from Poornachandra Tejaswi Circle to Gaganachumbi Double Road Junction at Kuvempunagar, and you'll find potholes of all sizes and shapes, eerily resembling lunar craters.

The potholes stretch from the junction of Adichunchanagiri Road and Anikethana Road near Poornachandra Tejaswi Circle to Gaganachumbi Double Road Junction. These didn't form overnight, nor are they the result of weather or vehicular wear and tear. They emerged after the road was dug up months ago for laying underground drainage (UGD) pipelines — and were never properly restored.

The aftermath has turned the stretch into a nightmare for motorists, especially two-wheeler riders. Loose jelly stones from the damaged surface litter the road and with rainwater filling the craters, it becomes nearly impossible to judge their depth or location. One wrong move, and riders risk skidding, falling or damaging their vehicles.

To make matters worse, the trench dug for the UGD work has caved in at several places. Rainwater has turned the area slushy and dangerously slippery.

A massive pit near Poornachandra Tejaswi Circle has added to the road's deteriorating condition and ironically, this stretch is in close proximity to the official residence of the Mysuru Development Authority (MDA) Commissioner on Adichunchanagiri Road.

Motorists who use this road regularly are furious. "It's shocking that authorities have turned a blind eye to the road's pathetic condition, especially when the MDA Commissioner's residence is just nearby," said one commuter.

"Months have passed since the UGD work was done. Forget asphalting — it hasn't even been properly levelled. Even temporarily filling the trench with mud could have helped. Add to that the issue of haphazard parking and this road becomes almost impassable," he added.

The footpath fares no better. Interlocking tiles are dislodged in many places, making it hazardous for pedestrians. Overgrown grass and weeds have taken over both the footpath and the stormwater drain in front of the MDA Commissioner's residence, blocking water flow. Garbage is also being dumped carelessly along the footpath, including plastic waste near Anikethana Road 5th Cross (North).

Direction boards defaced

Direction boards meant to guide the public have turned into makeshift advertisement spaces. A concrete board on the footpath of Adichunchanagiri Road near the MDA Commissioner's house, once painted with location details, is now faded and plastered with ads for house loans and PG accommodations.

Similar boards at Anikethana Road 6th Cross (North), Poornachandra Tejaswi Circle and along Adichunchanagiri Road are also in a sorry state. Even electric poles are not spared.

This menace isn't confined to Kuvempunagar — it is spreading across Mysuru, tarnishing the image of the city, known as the Cultural Capital of Karnataka. Authorities must act swiftly and decisively to restore order and safety to these roads and public spaces.

'Action will be taken soon'

Under MLA grants, the Karnataka Rural Infrastructure Development Limited (KRIDL) had taken up the UGD works on this stretch. An estimate for filling the potholes has already been prepared, and the work will begin shortly.

—T.S. Sathyamurthy, Zonal Commissioner, MCC Zonal Office-3

Anna Bhagya: Lorry transporters launch indefinite stir

Bengaluru, July 8 (DM)- Upset over non-payment of long pending transport bills, the State Ration Foodgrains Wholesale and Retail Transporters Association has launched an indefinite stir from Monday demanding immediate clearance of pending payments.

Speaking to press persons here yesterday, the Association President G.R. Shanmugappa said that the State Government has not paid transport bills to the tune of Rs. 260 crore for transportation of rice under Anna Bhagya scheme from February to June and bills pertaining to transport of food grains under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) for the months of April, May and June.

Maintaining that 4,500 lorries have transported a total of 25 lakh tonnes of food grains in the five months from February to June, Shanmugappa said that the State Government had convened a meeting last month after lorry transporters demanded payment of bills, when the Government had then promised release of Rs. 100 crore within June 25. But the Government has failed on its promise by not releasing funds, he alleged.

Stating that the State Government has also not refunded the EMD amount of transport tenders even after the transporters had provided Bank security, Shanmugappa alleged that the EMD money has not been refunded even to those bidders who failed to get the contract. The EMD money to be refunded itself amounts to Rs. 25 crore, he maintained. Shanmugappa further said that the indefinite food grains lorry strike will continue and the lorry owners will not transport ration grains until the Government clears all pending transport bills that has run up to Rs. 260 crore since February.

Meanwhile, the ration grains lorry strike in Mysuru too began on Monday as part of the State wide stir, with lorry owners stopping to transport grains from godowns to ration shops across the city and district, according to Railway Goods Shed Lorry Owners Association President Abdul Khader Shahid.

Over 9,000 dog bite cases in Mysuru in six months

Health Department urges vigilance against rabies; the risk of infection from a dog bite is 97 percent

Mysuru, July 8 (PM&BCT)- Rabies, a nearly always fatal viral disease, continues to pose a serious public health concern. In Mysuru district alone, 9,428 dog bite cases were reported between January and June 2025, prompting renewed efforts by the Health Department to raise awareness and encourage timely medical intervention.

According to official data, the **victims included 1,763 children aged between 1 and 12 years, 840 adolescents aged 13 to 18 years, and 6,825 adults.** While most of the affected received treatment at Government hospitals, 114 sought care at private facilities. Fortunately, all victims received timely medical attention and avoided life-threatening outcomes.

District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy told *Star of Mysore* that rabies is transmitted when the saliva of an infected animal comes into contact with broken skin, most commonly through bites, licks or scratches.

"The risk of infection from a rabid dog bite is as high as 97 percent," he warned, adding that deep wounds and bites on the face or chest — where nerve density and blood supply are high — carry greater risk.

However, he stressed that immediate and appropriate medical care, including thorough washing of the wound and prompt administration of anti-rabies vaccine (ARV) can prevent infection. "Timely treatment can save lives," he said.

Supply of anti-rabies vaccines

The Health Department has ensured an uninterrupted supply of anti-rabies vaccines, which are available free of cost at all Government hospitals. In case of local shortages, arrangements are made to procure and store adequate stocks.

In addition, the Department has launched a widespread awareness campaign, distributing handbills door-to-door and educating citizens on first-aid steps, risks and treatment protocols for dog bites.

Officials strongly advise treating every dog bite as a medical emergency. The wound should be washed under running water for at least 10 minutes using soap or detergent, followed by disinfection with antiseptics like spirit or iodine.

Anti-rabies vaccination should begin immediately at the nearest ARV clinic. A complete course is essential; a single dose offers no protection.

Tetanus injections and antibiotics may also be prescribed depending on the nature of the wound. Crucially, anti-rabies vaccines are safe for all, including pregnant women, infants and the elderly.

Local remedies do not work

Authorities have urged the public to refrain from traditional remedies and harmful practices such as applying turmeric, lime, oil and soil, or tying the wound with cloth. "Such measures delay treatment and can prove fatal," the DHO said.

Two recent incidents have served as grim reminders of rabies' fatal potential. In one case, Brijesh Solanki, a young kabaddi player from Uttar Pradesh, died after being bitten by a stray pup he tried to rescue. He had not received the vaccine.

In Mysuru, the sacred bull of the Mahalingeshwara Temple at Metagalli also succumbed to rabies after being bitten by a dog.

Both tragedies, officials say, could have been prevented with timely vaccination, highlighting the urgent need for public vigilance and rapid medical response in all dog bite cases.

Two girl students among 7 go missing

Sharanamma *Sai Vyshnavi* *Madesh* *Abdul Tousif* *Fairoz* *Murali* *Rajesh*

Mysuru, July 8 (KS)- In separate cases, two girl students are among seven persons who have gone missing from city.

In the first case, 18-year-old Sharanamma and 17-year-old Sai Vyshnavi, both PUC students of Mahajana College and inmates of Mahajana Ladies Hostel, who left the hostel at about 7.40 am on July 5 saying that they were going to the college, have since gone missing, according to a complaint lodged by the Hostel in-Charge Mahesh Reddy.

Sharanamma is 5 ft. tall, normal built, oily red complexioned, speaks Kannada and Telugu and was wearing a dark green coloured chudidhar, black pant and was carrying a college bag.

Sai Vyshnavi is 5.2 ft. tall, oval faced, normal built, oily red complexioned, speaks Kannada and Telugu and was wearing a black and white coloured top, black pant and was carrying a college bag.

Those having any information about the missing girls may contact V.V. Puram Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418314.

In the second case, 19-year-old Madesh Gowda has been missing since July 3 from Hebbal Police limits in city. Madesh is 5.9 ft. tall, oval faced, normal built, oily red complexioned, has a mole on his right cheek, speaks Kannada and Hindi and was wearing a black T-shirt and black pant at the time of going missing.

Those having information about Madesh may contact Hebbal Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418318.

In the third case, 38-year-old Abdul Tousif, a resident of Shivaji Road in N.R. Mohalla, has gone missing since March 23, 2023 from city, according to the complaint lodged by his father Abdul Rasheed with NR Police.

In the fourth case, 52-year-old Fairoz, a resident of Ajjunagar in Kesare, has been missing since July 17, 2024, according to the complaint lodged at NR Police Station. In the fifth case, 30-year-old Murali, a resident of K.R. Mills C-Block, has been missing since Sept. 4, 2023.

Those having any information about Abdul Tousif, Fairoz and Murali, may contact NR Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418312.

In the 6th case, 43-year-old J. Rajesh has been missing since May 5 from city. Those having any information about Rajesh may contact Vijayanagar Police on Ph: 0821-2418317 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Bomb threat to schools: Delhi youth arrested

Mysuru, July 8 (BCT)- The Mysuru City Police have arrested Nikhil Sharma, a youth from Delhi, in connection with a series of bomb threat e-mails sent to multiple locations across Karnataka, including educational institutions in Mysuru. The arrest took place on Sunday, and he was remanded to Judicial Custody on Monday.

On May 2, the Mysuru City Police Commissioner's office received an alarming e-mail stating that bombs had been planted at several locations within the city. Treating the threat with utmost seriousness, Police conducted searches at key areas and subsequently registered a case at the Nazarbad Police Station.

City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar formed a special investigation team to trace the sender. The team, comprising Inspector Mahadevaswamy, Narayan, Praveen, Srinivas, Ismail and Gopal, tracked down and detained Nikhil Sharma in Hubballi.

A B.Com graduate, Sharma had reportedly been in love with a woman who rejected his advances. Following the heartbreak, he began showing signs of mental instability.

Police sources revealed that Sharma used others' mobile devices while in Uttarakhand to send bomb-threat e-mails and was previously jailed for similar acts.

After his release, he allegedly repeated the behaviour by sending threatening e-mails to public institutions in Raichur, Chamarajanagar, Mysuru and even Kerala, according to Police sources.

Cyber extortion: Elderly man loses Rs. 45.50 lakh

Mysuru, July 8 (KS)- Cyber criminals, who accused an elderly man of money laundering, have extorted Rs. 45.50 lakh from him.

The elderly victim is 80-year-old Suresh (name changed), a resident of Vishveshwaranagar in city.

On May 16, Suresh got a call from an unidentified person claiming to be a National Cyber Crime Officer, who accused him (Suresh) of money laundering.

The unidentified man then told Suresh that he would send the phone number of the Public Prosecutor asking Suresh to speak to him.

When Suresh called the number, the so-called Public Prosecutor told Suresh that he was caught in a money laundering case besides telling Suresh to obtain a bail failing which he will be jailed.

The so-called Public Prosecutor then told Suresh that he would get him a bail for which he has to pay and got a total of Rs. 45.50 lakh transferred from Suresh in phases.

When no one called after a few days, Suresh, who realised that he has been cheated, lodged a complaint at city's Cyber Economic and Narcotics (CEN) Crime Police Station.

Gandhian Shashirekha no more

Shashireka

Mysuru, July 8- Shashireka (86), a Gandhian who had served for over two decades at Gandhi Ashram in Wardha, Maharashtra, passed away at Gandhi Ashram in Tagadur yesterday.

She had also served at Arasikere Gandhi Ashram before moving to Tagadur Gandhi Ashram.

Wife of Gandhian Tagadur Sathyanarayana, she leaves behind three daughters, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

The mortal remains were kept at Tagadur Gandhi Ashram till 10 am today for the public to pay their last respects and the body was donated to JSS Hospital later.

Obituary

N.G. Bhagya

Mysuru, July 8- N.G. Bhagya (69), retired Fine Arts teacher and a resident of Chavadi Agrahara, passed away yesterday in city.

Sister of senior Advocate late N.G. Ramaswamy, Bhagya leaves behind sister N.G. Radha, her late brother's children and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday evening.

Chikkathayamma

Chikkathayamma (80), mother of Paduvarahalli Grama Abhivrudhi Sangha President Mellahalli Mahadevaswamy, passed away on Sunday in city.

She leaves behind one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Gokulam Burial Grounds on Sunday evening, according to family sources.

'Conservation is a perpetual movement'

Herpetologist Romulus Whitaker

Renowned herpetologist Romulus Whitaker in a panel discussion with his wife and conservationist Janaki Lenin, on the topic 'Conservation of Nature: The wild fades, the poison stays,' at the ninth edition of Mysuru Literature Festival-2025 held in city recently.

Romulus Whitaker, the renowned herpetologist and pioneer in snake rescue and wildlife conservation, who also founded the Madras Crocodile Bank Trust, shared his thoughts on conservation following a panel discussion at the recently concluded ninth edition of the Mysuru Literature Festival–2025.

In a candid conversation with *Star of Mysore (SOM)*, Padma Shri awardee Whitaker, now 82, appeared energetic and reflective, expressing admiration for how conservation in India has evolved into a sustained and growing movement over the years.

By B. Sreekantswamy

Star of Mysore (SOM): We have been talking of conservation for so long. Has it become more of a cliché?

Romulus Whitaker: It's frivolous to think that conservation has become a clichéd word. Unlike many other countries, India today has more conservation consciousness than ever before — and that's largely thanks to the activists and organisations involved in these efforts.

"We have institutions like Dakshin Foundation, the Wildlife Trust of India (WTI), and the Madras Crocodile Bank, which has been around for 40 years. These are places where people come, work and grow into major conservationists. This is a great time for conservation in India.

SOM: Mysuru has a Zoo...

Whitaker: Zoos play a very important role in conservation. Mysuru Zoo (Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens) is one of the best Zoos and is well known. The Zoo has been regularly conducting education and outreach programmes. So, conservation cannot be termed as a cliché.

SOM: But, are these education programmes reflected at the ground level?

Whitaker: Yes, I think so. There are a lot of problems the wildlife and habitats are facing. But, let's not give up the battle and keep on fighting.

SOM: You may have read about the recent deaths of five tigers in the MM Hills Wildlife Sanctuary due to poisoning. It seems the villagers are more concerned about their crops and livestock, rather than wildlife.

Whitaker: It is for the Forest Department, which in fact has good Officers to pay compensation in such cases. There are problems, but we have to face them effectively.

SOM: Can we think of preventive action in toto?

Whitaker: *(laughs)* That's a good question and a long way to go, but won't answer...

Romulus Whitaker signing his book 'Snakes, Drugs And Rock 'N' Roll.'

Chamarajanagar girl writes to CM for water

Chamarajanagar, July 8 (BS)- In a rarity, a school girl has written to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to draw his attention towards erratic drinking water supply at her village, even after a good spell of rainfall.

Varnika

Explaining the ordeal her family has to endure, Varnika, a girl student from Kempaiahana Hatti village, Hanur taluk, Ramapura Gram Panchayat limits, has written in her letter: "My parents travel far for work, sans drinking water. Even the birds and animals aren't spared from this crisis."

"Most of the dams in the State are brimming, but on the flipside there is a cry for water at Ramapura hobli in Chamarajanagar. Lack of rainfall has depleted underground water table, forcing the villagers to shift from farming to other jobs," Varnika has explained in her letter, deeply moved at the plight of her hapless parents.

No funds for KR Constituency, alleges BJP MLA Srivatsa

RDPR Minister Priyank Kharge releases Rs. 21 crore to Chamaraja & NR Constituencies

KR MLA T.S. Srivatsa addressing media persons at City BJP Office this morning as (from left) City BJP General Secretary Cable Mahesh, City BJP President L. Nagendra, Vice-President Jogi Manju and Media Convener M.S. Mahesh Raje Urs look on.

Mysuru, July 8 (BLU&BS)- Krishnaraja (KR) Constituency BJP MLA T.S. Srivatsa has alleged that he is being marginalised by the State Congress Government, without releasing adequate funds for development works, for exposing the site scam involving Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his family members at Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) rebranded as Mysuru Development Authority (MDA).

Addressing media persons at City BJP Office in Chamarajapuram this morning, Srivatsa said, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) Minister Priyank Kharge has sanctioned funds of Rs. 21 crore for each of Chamaraja and Narasimharaja (NR) Assembly Constituencies while KR Constituency has received a naught. When asked, KR Constituency has been cited as urban area making it ineligible to receive funds meant for RDPR projects. But even the other two Constituencies fall under urban areas, said Srivatsa, pointing out at the glaring discrimination being practiced among the segments represented by ruling Congress party MLAs and the opposition party BJP.

Thangadagi seeks commission

Levelling a grave allegation against Kannada and Culture Minister Shivaraj Thangadagi for demanding a cut for sanctioning funds of Rs. 3.5 crore to Vishwa Ganiga Mutt, Srivatsa reminded that the artistes in Mysuru are still waiting for clearance of arrears amounting to Rs. 64 lakh.

Truck operators strike

Noting that the State Government is facing a fund crunch, Srivatsa said, the truck operators involved in transporting Anna Bhagya rice have launched a Statewide protest, by suspending transportation, demanding clearance of Rs. 250 crore arrears. Among the truck operators who have gone on strike, 4,000 are from Mysuru district.

To a query on Congress MLC B.K. Hariprasad asking BJP to pick State President from transgender (TG) community, Srivatsa did not find anything wrong in making a TG as party head.

City BJP President L. Nagendra clarified that BJP leaders have gathered at Davangere to take part in the birthday of former MP G.M. Siddeshwara while a new State BJP Chief is likely to be announced in 10 days.

Manasagangothri to get fourth grand gateway

Mysuru, July 8 (MK&BCT)- A majestic new gateway in the Indo-Saracenic style is taking shape at the University of Mysore's Manasagangothri campus, aimed at enhancing both the aesthetic appeal and accessibility of the historic institution.

The imposing structure, facing Hunsur Main Road near The Green Hotel, will be the fourth such entrance to the sprawling Gangothri campus.

The design mirrors the Indo-Saracenic style seen in the campus' other grand entrances — on Bogadi Main Road, SJCE Campus Road and Open Air Theatre Road near Senate Hall — and aligns with landmark buildings like the Mysore Palace and Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) office.

The Rs. 5 crore project, now gaining momentum under the leadership of Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath was originally designed and approved in 2021 during the tenure of former VC Prof. G. Hemanth Kumar. Work had stalled due to a lack of funds but was recently revived following renewed discussions between the University administration and contractors.

The gateway will serve as a key access point for students from the Engineering, Law and School of Planning & Architecture Departments.

With over 1,500 students using this route, the project is expected to significantly ease movement while offering a visually striking entryway in harmony with Mysuru's architectural heritage.

Retired Executive Engineer and senior designer H. Kishore Chand, who is overseeing the project, confirmed that the 50-foot-tall structure will feature a central tower of 25 feet, flanked by a large main gate and two smaller side gates.

Indo-Saracenic masterpiece

VC Prof. Lokanath stated that the initiative is not only about visual grandeur but also about fulfilling Rashtrakavi Kuvempu's vision of Mysuru as a centre of knowledge and culture. The new gateway will also complement the University's 70-ft. Clock Tower, another Indo-Saracenic masterpiece.

"Though the work was delayed due to certain reasons, it is now underway with an attractive design and will soon be completed. This gateway will not only elevate the visual appeal of the campus but also improve accessibility for students," he said.

Contractor Ashok, overseeing the execution of the project, confirmed that the work is being carried out meticulously according to the original design. "There are no compromises on quality or architectural integrity," he said, adding that every element is being built as envisioned to preserve the grandeur of the Indo-Saracenic style.

Once completed, the gateway will stand as a proud symbol of Mysuru's regal architectural legacy and the University's enduring commitment to blending tradition with contemporary infrastructure needs.

Police take action

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Four people were caught consuming alcohol in the open. On attempting to flee, they were chased down and arrested. Liquor bottles, plastic cups and other items were seized. The operation was carried out by Yelwal Police Constables Mahesh, Abhishek and Harish under the supervision of Mysuru South Inspector Shivananjashetty and Sub-Inspector B. Mahendra.

Tourism angle

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Police sources said that routine patrols are regularly conducted in the Meenakshipura region to deter illegal activities.

However, in the past, when action was initiated, tourists objected, questioning the legitimacy of Police intervention in an area where the Tourism Department had provided basic amenities like toilets and drinking water. Some tourism promoters also argued that such action could deter tourism, leading to reluctance among Police personnel to act.

Officers stressed that since the public nuisance involves liquor, coordinated efforts from Excise Department, local Panchayat and CNNL are essential to curb the menace. Moving forward, Police have assured regular surveillance and patrolling of Meenakshipura and adjoining areas. They emphasised importance of enforcing public safety and urged citizens to cooperate by reporting violations.

MCC strike effect

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The protesters are demanding the extension of all 7th Pay Commission benefits to Municipal employees on par with other State Govt. staff, implementation of the Karnataka Government Insurance Department (KGID), Group Insurance Scheme (GIS) and General Provident Fund (GPF) for Municipal employees.

They also want amendments to Cadre & Recruitment Rules, roll-out of the Jyothi Sanjeevini Health Scheme and urgent steps to address staff shortages, delayed promotions and other administrative lapses.

As all MCC workers joined strike, residents visiting MCC offices across the city were left stranded. Several citizens returned disappointed as counters remained unmanned. Absence of Pourakarmikas and sanitation workers on the streets also led to a disruption in garbage clearance, potentially triggering hygiene concerns across the city.

Owing to strike by MCC staff, garbage heaps were found across city this morning.

Overall, civic operations and cleanliness drives were severely disrupted. It is reported that more than 600 MCC employees and Pourakarmikas from Mysuru have travelled to Bengaluru to participate in the central protest.

Meanwhile, in Bengaluru, thousands of staff and Pourakarmikas from all 10 City Corporations held a massive demonstration at Freedom Park. They warned, if the Govt. fails to respond positively to their demands by this evening, the strike would continue indefinitely.

Architect of Mysore University's modern infrastructure makeover

Prof. Rangappa

Mysuru, July 8 (MK&BCT)- The University of Mysore continues to bear the enduring legacy of renowned scientist and former Vice-Chancellor Prof. K.S. Rangappa, whose visionary leadership ushered in a transformative infrastructural era for the Manasagangothri campus.

Prof. Rangappa spearheaded the construction of several landmark structures that redefined the campus skyline. Chief among these are the grand Indo-Saracenic gateways at Bogadi Main Road, SJCE Campus Road and Open Air Theatre Road (near Senate Hall), which continue to serve as proud symbols of UoM's heritage.

Under his leadership, the University saw the construction of the iconic 70-foot Clock Tower, dual carriageways that improved campus connectivity and numerous academic and administrative buildings across both the Manasagangothri and Muktagangothri (Karnataka State Open University - KSOU) campuses. Prof. Rangappa was also the KSOU VC. His development vision was not just about infrastructure. It was about building enduring monuments and each project reflected a thoughtful integration of aesthetic elegance with academic purpose, providing students with a space that inspires learning.

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Investiture Ceremony at Nypunya

Educational institutions must develop leadership qualities in students: Flight Lieutenant Shravani Bhargav

Mysuru, July 8 - "Every child has the potential to emerge as a leader. It is the responsibility of educational institutions to create a platform that encourages and inspires them to develop leadership qualities," said Flight Lieutenant Shrawani Bhargav of the Indian Air Force (IAF).

She was speaking at student 'Oath Ceremony' at Nypunya School of Excellence, Kanakadasanagar, Dattagalli campus, where she received the flag salute.

'To enhance the proactiveness and commitment of students, leadership qualities should be encouraged. In this regard, appropriate guidance should be provided to students to organise activities, collaborations and constructive programmes themselves. India is progressing towards the top position among leading nations in the world, and at this juncture, it is the primary duty of educational institutions to shape responsible future citizens," she said.

"Also, it is crucial for future generations to cultivate a strong sense of national loyalty and dedication, more than ever before. Therefore, inspiring programmes that promote discipline and self-control should be part of educational activities," she urged.

The oath ceremony at Nypunya, R.T. Nagar campus, was inaugurated by Prof. S. Madialagan of the Department of Physical Education, Sports and Science, University of Mysore, by receiving the flag salute.

Badges were given to students, who were also administered the oath and assigned various positions, delegating responsibilities.

School Principal M.N. Mahendra, Vice-Principal Sheena Gurnani, Shalini Majo, teachers, parents and students were present.

Mahajana Public School leaders elected

The Investiture Ceremony of Mahajana Public School (MPS) was held at its premises in Jayalakshmipuram recently. The elected School leaders — Head Boy K.C. Skanda, Head Girl N.S. Nishtha, House Captains Kruthika, Aahana A. Relekar, J.P. Lahari and Deepthi Dinesh of X std., Vice-Captains Chiranjeevi, Athrushta Sagar, Harsha and Nagashakya of 9th std. — and House Teachers Subbulakshmi, Tejasvi, Rajitha and Ambika, are seen with chief guest B.L. Vedhaprada, Mahajana Education Society (MES) Administrative Officer Prof. P. Sarojamma, MPS Principal M.S. Rajeshwari Iyer, Physical Education Instructor Avinash, CCA Coordinator Ushas Joy and Coordinator R. Bindumol.

NPSI Mysore Student Council inducted

The 12th Investiture Ceremony (2025-26) of NPS International School Mysore was held recently marking the formal induction of the newly elected Student Council. Seen in the picture are (front row - from left) Samarth Dinesh, Ritisha Vindhya, M. Etasha, Somaan Bopaiah, chief guest Colonel Rohit Thakur, Principal Akhila Dinesh, guest of honour Lt. Colonel Hitesh Kala, Anica Ganapathy, Rishabh Shashidhara, Dia Kodandera and Sian S. Reddy; (back row) K. Jainam, P. Amshumanth, Parth Nitesh, Shloka Shalit, Mahati Patel, M.S. Chathush, Anish Pavan, Aditya Ashok and Devaansh Koul.

Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, July 8- The following students, who carried out their Research at CSIR-CFTRI during April 1 to June 30, 2025, have been awarded Ph.D degrees by the Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research (AcSIR):

M.S. Ashwin Kumar - Thesis: Processing intervention to enhance the bioavailability of fortified iron and zinc in development of specialty wheat based products; **Supervisor:** Dr. Suresh D. Sakhare, Sr. Principal Scientist, Department of Flour Milling, Baking and Confectionery Technology and **Co-Supervisor:** Dr. A. Jyothilakshmi, Sr. Principal Scientist, Department of Traditional Foods & Applied Nutrition, CSIR-CFTRI.

Rohini Karnat - Thesis: Valorization of spent Idli and Dosa batter generated from food industry and its application; **Supervisor:** Dr. D. Somashekar, Principal Scientist (Retd.), Department of Microbiology & Fermentation Technology, CSIR-CFTRI.

Shejawale Deepali Dnyaneshwar - Thesis: Solvent extraction and Membrane Processing of soybean Oil; **Supervisor:** Dr. Navin K. Rastogi, Chief Scientist (Retd.), Department of Food Engineering, CSIR-CFTRI.

P.P. Mubthasima - Thesis: Understanding the role of Exosomal WAVE3 protein in mitochondrial reprogramming and evaluating the potential of milk-based exosome formulation targeting human cervical cancer; **Supervisor:** Dr. K. Anbarasu, Sr. Scientist, Dept. of Biochemistry, CSIR-CFTRI.

Kaumudi Pande - Thesis: Efficiency of exosomes for the delivery of Myricetin against ovarian cancer; **Supervisor:** Dr. K. Anbarasu, Sr. Scientist, Department of Biochemistry, CSIR-CFTRI.

P.K. Sreeram - Thesis: Characterization of nanovesicles from edible plants and evaluation of its anti-inflammatory activity in Psoriasis models; **Supervisor:** Dr. M. Gopinath, Sr. Principal Scientist, Department of Molecular Nutrition, CSIR-CFTRI.

Heart attack phobia

Don't rush to hospitals in panic: Jayadeva Hospital Acting Director

Mysuru, July 8 (TRR)- Dr. K.S. Ravindranath, Acting Director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, has appealed people against turning anxious about media reports of increased cases of heart attacks in Hassan and elsewhere in the State and rush to Jayadeva Hospital in the city.

"Come to Jayadeva Hospital only if you feel your are in a need of medical assistance," advised Dr.K.S. Ravindranath.

He was speaking after inaugurating a 34-bed new ward at the Jayadeva Hospital on KRS road in the city, recently.

Dr. K.S. Ravindranath who is heading a Technical Advisory Committee constituted by the Chief Minister (CM) Siddaramaiah to submit a report on the rising deaths of people in Hassan district due to heart attacks in recent months, visited Mysuru Jayadeva Hospital. This follows CM's directive to Principal Secretary, Ministry of Medical Education to depute more number of Doctors to Mysuru Jayadeva Hospital as an unusually high number of panic-struck people are rushing to Jayadeva hospital for a checkup following media reports.

Dr. K.S. Ravindranath** (second from left), **Acting Director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, inaugurating the 34-bed new ward in Mysuru Jayadeva Hospital recently as Dr. K.S. Sadananda, Medical Superintendent of Mysuru Jayadeva Hospital and others look on.

It may be recalled here that, MLC Dinesh Gooligowda recently met CM Siddaramaiah and appealed him to depute more doctors to Mysuru Jayadeva Hospital following the reports of increased heart attacks in Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar and Kodagu districts.

"People are in a state of panic following media reports on deaths due to heart attacks in Hassan district and are rushing to Jayadeva Hospital. The Mysuru Jayadeva Hospital is recording an additional footfall of 400 out-patients daily for medical checkups which have considerably increased the workload of doctors and other staff.

Dr. Ravindranath, concluded by advising those aged above 30-40 years to undergo medical checkup once in a year.

State BJP Chief Vijayendra predicts change of guard in Karnataka

Mysuru, July 8 (MTY&VNS) - Siddaramaiah has been named as AICC OBC Committee Chairman only to be shunted out as Chief Minister of Karnataka for which Karnataka Congress Incharge Randeep Singh Surjewala has been sent by the Party High Command to convince the Congress MLAs, said BJP State President B.Y. Vijayendra.

Addressing the media persons at City BJP Head Office here on Sunday, Vijayendra, who was certain about the change of guard in State, said the Congress High Command had created an alternative platform for Siddaramaiah at the national level to facilitate the change in the State.

"It is only a dream about Congress coming back to power at the Centre and leaders who aspire to become the next Chief Minister after Siddaramaiah were indulged in making baseless allegations against the RSS. In the near future, Congress party will lose its foothold in the State and people have been repenting on their decision to vote for the Congress party," he added.

Speaking about the Mekedatu project, Vijayendra said the BJP leaders would ensure Centre's nod for the project if the State Congress Government is able to convince its 'friend' (DMK government) in Tamil Nadu. He alleged that Congress Government was not committed towards Mekedatu Project but was indulged in only politicising the issue.

State BJP President B.Y. Vijayendra and Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar called on city Advocate S. Arunkumar** (second from right) **at his residence in Mysuru recently. The top leaders were warmly welcomed by Arunkumar (also a BJP leader), his wife Rashmi Arun and children Mehul Abhishua and Pragia Ketura.

Highlighting about the financial condition of the State, the BJP State President said Karnataka was bankrupt as it was unable to pay the salaries to the government employees on time.

'BJP will get 130-140 seats'

Later, addressing the BJP workers during celebrations of 11 years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Central Government, held at Rajendra Kalamandira in city, Vijayendra expressed his confidence of BJP securing 130-140 seats if Assembly elections were to be held now.

He called upon party workers to work in unity to uproot the corrupt, anti-poor government in the State. "We have no idea regarding the downfall of Congress, but if polls are held, we will ensure BJP forms the government on its own strength," he added.

Stating that more number of BJP MLAs should get elected from Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar and other districts in Old Mysuru region, he assured the party workers of working hand-in-hand to strengthen the party.

Vijayendra also alleged that CM Siddaramaiah had not contributed towards development of his home district Mysuru and added that the present State Government was involved in various scams including Valmiki Corporation scam amounting to Rs. 180 crore, Rs. 5,000 crore MUDA scam among others.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, former MP Prathap Simha, MLA T.S. Srivatsa, BJP City President L. Nagendra, District President K.N. Subbanna, BJP State Vice-Presidents N. Mahesh and M. Rajendra, former MLAs Harshavardhan, Nirajankumar and Appachhu Ranjan, BJP OBC Morcha State President Raghu Kautilya, BJP Kodagu President Ravi Kalappa, BJP Hassan President Siddesh Nagendra and others present.

MYSORE RACES 2025

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

'EL REY' for Shri Kanwar Singh Saini-Nambardaar Memorial Colts Trial Stakes

Mysuru, July 8- Following are the selections for the 7th day of Mysore Summer Races to be held here on Wednesday — July 9, 2025:

1.	2.00 PM	**THE EVITA PLATE - DIV. II** 1200 mts. - rated 20 to 45 *1. COSMIC TOUCH 2. TIGER KING*
2.	2.30 PM	**THE WHITEFIELD PLATE** 1600 mts. - rated 00 to 25 *1. THE ANGEL POWER 2. MIRACLE HONEY*
3.	3.00 PM	**THE EVITA PLATE - DIV. I** 1200 mts. - rated 20 to 45 *1. CREATIVE GIRL 2. BEAUTIFUL BLOOM*
4.	3.30 PM	**THE HARANGI DAM PLATE** 1200 mts. - rated 40 to 65 *1. TOSCANA 2. ABSOLUTE CONQUERER*
5.	4.00 PM	**THE SHRI KANWAR SINGH SAINI-NAMBARDAARMEMORIALCOLTSTRIALSTAKES** 1400 mts. - 3 Years (TERMS) *1. EL REY 2. FORTIS*
6.	4.30 PM	**THE RED RUFUS PLATE** 1800 mts. - rated 60 and Above *1. MAGNETIC 2. KANYA RASHI*
7.	5.00 PM	**THE TALAKAVERI PLATE** 1400 mts. - rated 40 to 65 *1. RED FALCON 2. SHEROUK*

***DAY'S BEST:** CREATIVE GIRL*

***DOUBLE:** 1. TOSCANA 2. MAGNETIC*

***JACKPOT:** 3, 4, 5, 6, 7* ***MINI JACKPOT:** 4, 5, 6, 7*

***I TREBLE:** 2, 3, 4* ***II TREBLE:** 5, 6, 7*

EXACTAS:** 1 to 7* ***—Tipster PGC

WORD OF THE DAY

Procrastinate

Pronunciation: pruh-KRASS-tuh-nayt (verb)

Meaning: To procrastinate is to be slow or late about doing something that should be done, or about doing or attending to things in general.

Origin: Procrastinate comes from the Latin prefix pro-, meaning "forward," and crastinus, meaning "of tomorrow." To procrastinate is to work or move slowly so as to fall behind; it implies blameworthy delay especially through laziness or apathy. English has other words with similar meanings, such as defer and postpone, but none places the blame so directly on the person responsible for choosing a later time to do something. Procrastinate is also a malleable word: English speakers have wasted no time creating clever variations, most of them delightfully self-explanatory. Don't let coinages like procrastibake, procrastinetflix and procrasticlean pass you by; they may not meet our criteria for entry into the dictionary, but their potentials for use are undeniable.

Example: "Researchers found that individuals who tend to procrastinate often do so because they fear not meeting their high standards or worry too much about failing. The study also showed that this fear of failure and the habit of over-generalizing failures (like thinking one mistake means you're a failure) strongly connect perfectionism to procrastination." — Mark Travers, Forbes, 28 May 2025.

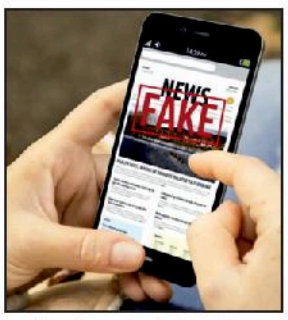
THE ODD WORD

Ucalegon

A next-door neighbour, or a neighbour whose house is on fire.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Fake News



Meaning: 'Fake news' is a phrase that is used to describe fictitious news that has no source, but is written and published as being truthful facts.

Origin: The term "fake news" is not a recent invention, despite its prominent use during 2016 US election. While the phrase has gained widespread attention recently, the concept of spreading false or misleading information disguised as news dates back centuries. Historically, fabricated stories have been used for various purposes, including political manipulation, financial gain and to cause social disruption.

Example: "Don't believe a word that author writes, he's known to be a master of fake news."

QUOTE BOX

Travel becomes a strategy for accumulating photographs. **— Susan Sontag**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Splash out.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Musical tailpiece?
5 Formal command
10 More meagre
13 Beside the ____ : irrelevant?
14 Like limestone, in a way?
15 Cake topping
16 Inflated, high sounding
18 Winter sport footwear
19 The sesame plant or seed
20 Kiln or furnace
24 Flit about
27 Long-term weather
29 Hole for fire residue - "at hips" anagram?
32 Sound system
33 Exacted revenge (3,4)
35 Pray for us - ___ pro nobis ?
36 Type of gemstone
37 Bengali surname or boy's name
39 Vietnam, colloquially and in short?
42 Happening at once
45 Beg earnestly
49 Collected or piled up
50 Active, quick or supple
51 Deteriorate
52 News sources
53 Cut, snicker - "seen" anagram?

DOWN

1 Copy from someone else's work
2 Eight as a prefix
3 Believer in God
4 Extremely cold
5 Heroic tale
6 Physician informally
7 Latin trio
8 In short, cable news giants
9 Time To Go
10 Weeps convulsively
11 Coma's author Robin ___
12 God
17 Bodily troubles
20 Hebrew measure
21 Indian holy city
22 French season
23 New as a prefix
25 Summit
26 Division, in short is also Roman 504
28 IRS in India
29 Some time past
30 Male offspring
31 Limited period of time
34 Wanderers
38 Country on Arabian peninsular
40 Egyptian symbol - "neat" anagram?
41 Persian of old
42 Thought
43 A small river fish
44 Another word for a small island
45 Shriver of tennis
46 Large, abbr.
47 Ramzan for one, Bakri for another
48 Arabian Night's hero ___ Baba

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

	A	R	I			B	A	R				
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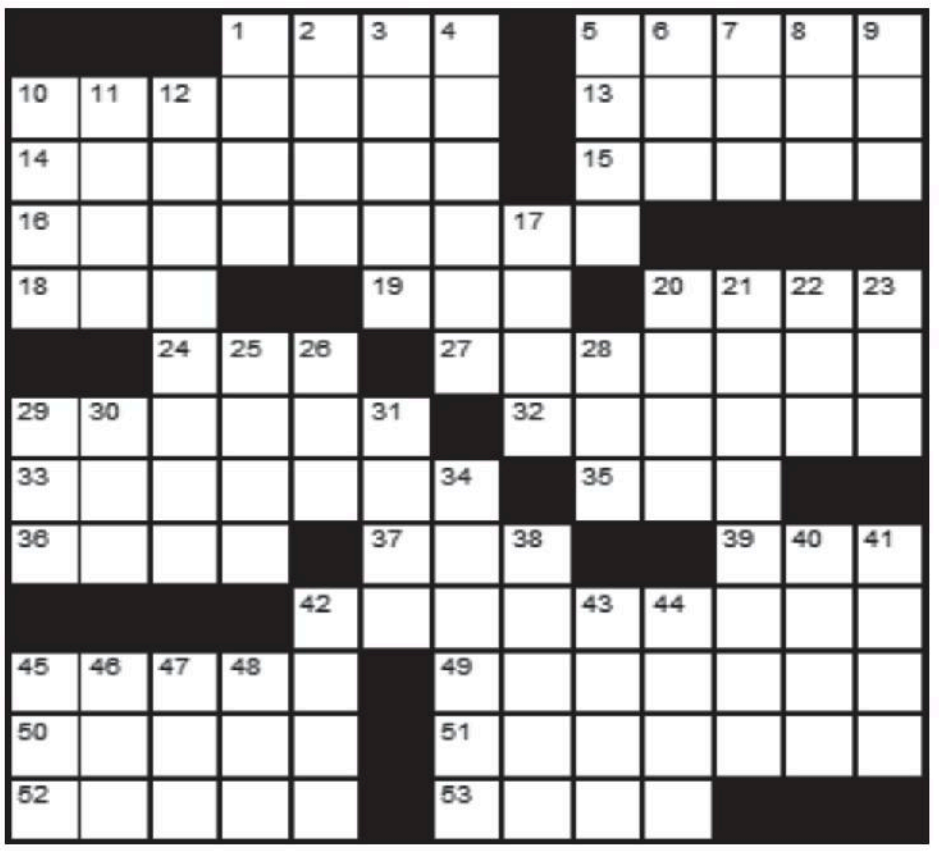

SUDOKU

3		6		9			2	7
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			2		6			9
	8	1				6		
9								4
		4				3	9	
6			7		1			
			3					6
7	1			6		5		2

Answer to previous puzzle

6	1	7	5	9	4	8	2	3
5	4	9	8	3	2	7	6	1
3	8	2	7	1	6	4	5	9
4	3	8	9	7	5	2	1	6
1	9	6	3	2	8	5	4	7
7	2	5	6	4	1	3	9	8
8	6	3	4	5	9	1	7	2
2	7	4	1	6	3	9	8	5
9	5	1	2	8	7	6	3	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

VS M TANN ZBMPC CZBPB VH PDDF TDP

BLBPWCZVSU, MSQ VS MS BFECW ZBMPC

CZBPB VH PDDF TDP SDCZVSU.

TODAY'S CLUE: U EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: In my day, we didn't have self-esteem, we had self-respect, and no more of it than we had earned.

MOVIE LOVERS

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- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  Tapassi (K) - 4 Shows
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  Kuladalli Keelyavudo (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
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- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  Pendrive (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Phoenix (Ta) - 2 Shows; *Maargan (Ta)* - 2 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Jungle Mangal (K) - 2 Shows; *Capital City (K)* - 2 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  3 BHK (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 98863-25207**
  Sitaare Zameen Par (H) - 3 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Jurassic World: Rebirth (E-3D)	(S-1)	11 am, 4.25 pm, 7.15 pm, 10 pm
Pendrive (K)	(S-1)	1.50 pm
Metro In Dino (H)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 10.30 pm
Jungal Mangal (K)	(S-2)	1.55 pm
Tapassi (K)	(S-2)	4.10 pm
Rangi Taranga (K)	(S-2)	7 pm
Kapata Nataka Sutradhari (K)	(S-3)	11 am, 7.15 pm
Capital City (K)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
Sitaare Zameen Par (H)	(S-3)	4.05 pm
3 BHK (Ta)	(S-3)	9.30 pm
F1: The Movie (E)	(S-4)	10.20 am, 7.10 pm, 10.20 pm
Hebbuli Cut (K)	(S-4)	1.30 pm
Thammudu (Te)	(S-4)	4.05 pm

MVC MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Jurassic World: Rebirth (E-3D)	:	10.40 am, 1.40 pm, 4.15 pm, 6.45, 9.15 pm
Hebbuli Cut (K)	:	11.30 am
Jungle Mangal (K)	:	11.55 am
Capital City (K)	:	1 pm
Kuberaa (K)	:	1.10 pm
Maadeva (K)	:	1.45 pm, 6.40 pm
Kannappa (K)	:	3.40 pm
Pendrive (K)	:	4.20 pm
Tapassi (K)	:	4.30 pm
3 BHK (Ta)	:	6.55 pm
Sitaare Zameen Par (H)	:	7 pm
Jangar (Ma)	:	9.15 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Ph: 0821-230 0402

Thammudu (Te)	:	9.50 am, 1 pm, 6.50 pm, 10 pm
Jurassic World: Rebirth (E-3D)	:	9.55 am, 1.50 pm, 4.40 pm, 7.30, 10.20 pm
3 BHK (Ta)	:	10.05 am, 1.20 pm, 7.15 pm
Metro In Dino (H)	:	10.05 am, 3.50 pm, 10.10 pm
F1: The Movie (E)	:	10.10 am, 4.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Sitaare Zameen Par (H)	:	10.50 am, 12.45 pm, 4 pm, 7.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Maadeva (K)	:	1 pm
Kapata Nataka Sutradhari (K)	:	1.30 pm
Hebbuli Cut (K)	:	3.35 pm
Tapassi (K)	:	4.10 pm
Rangi Taranga (K)	:	6 pm
Maa (H)	:	7.25 pm
Paranthu Po (Ta)	:	9.35 pm

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 88009 00009

Jurassic World: Rebirth (E-3D)	:	10 am, 1.15 pm, 7.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Thammudu (Te)	:	10.10 am, 3.55 pm, 7.10 pm, 10 pm
Sitaare Zameen Par (H)	:	10.15 am, 4.05 pm, 10.10 pm
Pendrive (K)	:	11.20 am
Metro In Dino (H)	:	12.35 pm, 7.05 pm
F1: The Movie (E)	:	1.05 pm, 6.50 pm
Jungle Mangal (K)	:	1.55 pm
Maadeva (K)	:	4 pm
3 BHK (Ta)	:	4.15 pm, 10.20 pm

WIMBLEDON

TODAY'S MATCHES (JULY 8)

MEN'S SINGLES - QUARTER-FINALS
- 5 Taylor Fritz **Vs** 17 Karen Khachanov — **5.30 pm**
- Cameron Norrie **Vs** 2 Carlos Alcaraz — **7.10 pm**

WOMEN'S SINGLES - QUARTER-FINALS
- 1 Aryna Sabalenka **Vs** Laura Siegemund — **6.00 pm**
- 13 Amanda Anisimova **Vs** Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova — **7.10 pm**

MEN'S DOUBLES - QUARTER-FINALS
- Rinky Hijikata & David Pel **Vs** Rafael Matos & Marcelo Melo — **3.30 pm**
- 1 Marcelo Arévalo & Mate Pavić **Vs** 10 Hugo Nys & Édouard Roger-Vasselin — **5.00 pm**

WOMEN'S DOUBLES - QUARTER-FINALS
- Desirae Krawczyk & Olivia Gadecki **Vs** 16 Caroline Dolehide & Sofia Kenin — **5.30 pm**
- 8 Elise Mertens & Veronika Kudermetova **Vs** 2 Erin Routliffe & Gabriela Dabrowski — **9.30 pm**

MIXED DOUBLES - SEMI-FINALS
- Sem Verbeek & Kateřina Siniaková **Vs** 8 Tímea Babos & Mate Pavić — **7.20 pm**
- Luisa Stefani & Joe Salisbury **Vs** 2 Marcelo Arévalo & Zhang Shuai — **9.30 pm**

TOMORROW'S MATCHES (JULY 9)

MEN'S SINGLES - QUARTER-FINALS
- 1 Jannik Sinner **Vs** 10 Ben Shelton — TBD
- 22 Flavio Cobolli **Vs** 6 Novak Djokovic — TBD

WOMEN'S SINGLES - QUARTER-FINALS
- 7 Mirra Andreeva **Vs** Belinda Bencic — TBD
- 8 Iga Świątek **Vs** 19 Liudmila Samsonova — TBD

MEN'S DOUBLES - QUARTER-FINALS
- 5 Lloyd Glasspool & Julian Cash **Vs** 2 Henry Patten & Harri Heliövaara — TBD
- 6 Neal Skupski & Joe Salisbury **Vs** 4 Marcel Granollers & Horacio Zeballos — TBD

WOMEN'S DOUBLES - QUARTER-FINALS
- 4 Jeļena Ostapenko & Hsieh Su-wei **Vs** Sorana Cîrstea & Anna Kalinskaya — TBD
- 1 Kateřina Siniaková & Taylor Townsend **Vs** 10 Tímea Babos & Luisa Stefani — TBD

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INOX LIVE the MOVIE

Mall of Mysore - Mob: 78299-99465

3 BHK (Ta)	:	9.30 am, 4.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Thammudu (Te)	:	9.50 am, 12.20 pm, 7.10 pm
Jurassic World: Rebirth (E-3D)	:	10.20 am, 1.15 pm, 4.10 pm 7.05 pm, 10 pm
Metro In Dino (H)	:	10.30 am, 7.10 pm
Sitaare Zameen Par (H)	:	1 pm, 10.20 pm
F1: The Movie (E)	:	1.50 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Kuberaa (K)	:	3.30 pm
Kapata Nataka Sutradhari (K)	:	5 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Ph: 0821-4283555

Thammudu (Te)	:	9.45 am, 3.55 pm, 10.20 pm
Jurassic World: Rebirth (E-3D)	:	10 am, 12.55 pm, 7.05 pm, 10 pm
3 BHK (Ta)	:	10.20 am, 4.05 pm
Pendrive (K)	:	11.30 am
F1: The Movie (E)	:	12.55 pm, 7 pm, 10.10 pm
Tapassi (K)	:	1.15 pm
Metro In Dino (H)	:	2.05 pm, 10 pm
Sitaare Zameen Par (H)	:	3.50 pm, 7.05 pm
Jungle Mangal (K)	:	5.25 pm
Hebbuli Cut (K)	:	7.35 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Two-day Seminar at Music University

Mysuru, July 8- Santakavi Kanakadasa mattu Tatvapadakarara Adhyayana Kendra, Bengaluru and Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal (KSGH) Music and Performing Arts University, Mysuru, have jointly organised a two-day seminar on 'Tatvapada mattu Sangeetha Vaividya' at the Music University premises in city on July 10 and 11.

July 10 - 10.30 am: Music University VC Prof. Nagesh V. Bettakote will inaugurate the seminar. Santakavi Kanakadasa mattu Tatvapadakarara Adhyayana Kendra Chairman K.T. Chikkanna will preside. Music University Registrar (in-Charge) K.S. Rekha will be the chief guest; **11 am onwards:** Tatvapada - Karnatak Music by Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar, Mysuru; 'Tatvapada mattu Kanaka Keerthanegalalli Sangeetha Sahacharya' by Hussain Sab, Bengaluru; Tatvapada - Gamaka by B.D. Shankaregowda, Hassan; Tatvapada - Nrityakale by Dr. Tulasi Ramachandra, Mysuru; Tatvapada Gayana by Puttamuttamma and troupe, Keregodu.

July 11 - 10 am onwards: Tatvapada - Sugama Sangeetha by Dr. D.P. Jyothilakshmi, Hubballi; Tatvapada - Hindustani Music by Dr. Jayadevi Jangamashetty, Kalaburagi; Tatvapada - Janapada Sangeetha by Dr. G. Gururaj, Mysuru; Tatvapada Gayana by N. Chandrappa and troupe, Sosale.

Art Expo on July 11

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